

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF GEORGIA

AUGUSTA DIVISION

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| SAUL EDWARD SAYLORS,      | ) |                       |
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| Petitioner,               | ) |                       |
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| v.                        | ) | CV 118-115            |
|                           | ) | (Formerly CR 116-048) |
| UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, | ) |                       |
|                           | ) |                       |
| Respondent.               | ) |                       |

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**ORDER**

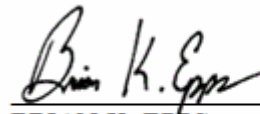
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Petitioner, an inmate at the Federal Correctional Institution in Salters, South Carolina, has filed with this Court a motion under 28 U.S.C. § 2255 to vacate, set aside, or correct his sentence. (Doc. no. 1.) On February 15, 2019, Petitioner filed a motion to stay pending a decision in United States v. Davis, No. 18-431, 2019 WL 98544 (Jan. 4, 2019), in which the Supreme Court recently granted certiorari. (Doc. no. 15.) Petitioner argues the Supreme Court’s decision in Davis will consider “whether a Hobbs Act Robbery was a violent felony for purposes of the Armed Career Criminal Act,” which is the “central issue with regard to [Petitioner’s] petition and . . . would be dispositive of [his] claim[.]” (Doc. no. 15, pp. 1-2.)

However, “[a] grant of certiorari does not constitute new law” nor does it affect this Court’s obligation to follow prior decisions of the Eleventh Circuit Court of Appeals. Ritter v. Thigpen, 828 F.2d 662, 666 (11th Cir. 1987); United States v. Peraza, No. 18-11104, 2018 WL 5881597, \*3 n.5 (11th Cir. Nov. 9, 2018). The Eleventh Circuit has clearly established precedent addressing Petitioner’s claims. See United States v. St. Hubert, 909 F.3d 335, 345 (11th Cir.

2018) (addressing whether Hobbs Act robbery is crime of violence); Ovalles v. United States, 905 F.3d 1231, 1252 (11th Cir. 2018) (discussing 18 U.S.C. § 924(c)(3)(B) residual clause defining crime of violence). Accordingly, the Court **DENIES** Petitioner's motion to stay. (Doc. no. 15.) The Court will issue a report and recommendation on the merits of Petitioner's § 2255 motion in its normal course of business.

SO ORDERED this 27th day of February, 2019, at Augusta, Georgia.

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BRIAN K. EPPS  
UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE  
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF GEORGIA